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I very seldom ever get into a verbal back and fourth argument with my wife. Not because I am afraid of her. Not because I don't want to argue with her. It is because I can never win an argument! She is so quick and sharp and logical in her argument, that I end up not with a counter argument, but I end up agreeing with her and having nothing to say.

Romans 3:19 God uses the Law in very much the same way. To squelch the argument, to silence the excuses, to show our guilt. Every person will in one way or another be silenced by God's law - but the question is when. At the present or at the

I. The Speaking Of The Law (vs 19a)

The Law of God is communicating something. It is speaking something in its thou shalt's and in its thou shalt not's.

A. The Demands of The Creator - The 10 commandment were given in EX 20 just before God came to dwell among his people in the tabernacle. These are the demands of holiness for the creator to commune w/ the creature.

B. The Directives to The Creature - Therefore if we are to relate to this creator, to know Him, to draw nigh unto him then these are the standards we must meet. This is the principle of justice and righteousness.

that is to be found unless he be admitted into his presence

C. The Death of the Curser - You may say Well then all just go my own way + do what I want. Who cares about communing w/ God? For the creature to rebel against the creator is the height of ^{insult} Therefore the violation of law in every communion is either

II. The Subjects Under the Law - ^{14b + D} Lets make for sure who is being spoken to. Who is this scripture addressing? Just who are these that are under the Law?

A. All Hebrews by Commandment -

Officially the Law was given to the Hebrews, the Jews at Mt Sinai in Ex 20. It was given to them on tables of stone. So when God said thou shalt not he was looking straight at ^{them}

B. All Heathen by Conscience - Even the tribal husbandman in Africa knows its wrong to lie, murder, commit adultery. Rom 2:15 says the law of God is written on their hearts in the form of their conscience. They hold the truth and yet suppress it.

C. All Humanity by Collection - If you put the Hebrew and the Heathen together you will find that means all of Humanity! All of us whether by conscience or commandment are subjects under the Law. All are described in 10-18.

III. The Silencing By the Law - vs 19 goes on to say that the function of the Law is to silence its subjects.

A. The Silencing of Deliberation

1) ...or at the judgment. Today while forgiveness of sin is abundant toward you or tomorrow when the fires of judgment leap to receive you. I want us to notice some things about this silencing law the Apostle Paul writes about in verse 19. Notice...

2) ...in every commandment is either directly or indirectly associated with death and judgment! Jeremiah 11:3 ...
Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant, The Law violator is under the curse of God!

... or at the judgment. Today while forgiveness of sin is abundant toward you or tomorrow when the first of judgment has to arrive you want to know some things about this silencing law. The Apostle Paul writes about in verse 11 Notice.

1) ...written in stone by the very finger of God. What part of "thou shalt not" do you not understand? It's overwhelming authority is to bring silence from the guilty.

2) ...the countless idolatries, the unending covetousness. These are to cause us to bow our head in shame and guilt.

We live in a day of excuses, reasonings and arguments. "I am the way I am because my daddy did me wrong. I do this because my ~~mother~~ ^{mamma} said this. Every body's got an excuse a rationalization for their depraved behaviour. Every body's got a lawyer, counselor, or therapist. But the law was given to end the excuses. Written in stone

B. The Silence of Condemnation - The law was given not only for the silencing of the mouth but for the haunting of the heart in guilt Condemned by the Law! The laws of man may not condemn you. You may have never cheated on tax, inherited millions of dollars, ran a red light or exceeded the speed limit. But think upon the great mountain of lies ~~told~~ ^{told} over a lifetime, the sespoid of falsifications, the counters

IV. The Shaming of the Law - The Law of God is as a light that invades the darkness of our hearts and reveals our utter ^{mess} ~~mess~~ ^{mess}

A Our Deeds Cannot Save - Vs 19 tells us that the law only condemns us before God not commends us to God. The Jews teaching along with the rest of the various religions of the world, tell us that our deeds raise us up to God but in reality depending on our deeds is a slippery slope toward Hell. Keeping a set of moral standards

alone does not commend us to God it only condemns us to ^{Hell} ~~Hell~~.
B. Our Depths of Sin - The high standard of the Moral Law of God is to show our condemnation in relation to meet it to show what

depths of sin we find ourselves in before the eyes of a holy God. The Law of God exposes to our own eyes, our need for saving, our need ^{for} cleansing, ^{our need} ^{for} forgiveness, ^{our need} ^{for} deliverance from ^{the} ^{wrath of God}.

V. The Saving from The Law - The page of my Bible ends w/ vs 20. It would be a rather bleak and mournful end to the story if our chapter ended right there. But it doesn't. ^{Here} vs 21 ^{a ray of} **A. The Requirement Sought** vs 21 a - Righteousness is the need. It could not be attained by the law, but in this day of Grace the Righteousness of God is manifest ^{another way} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{law}. **B. The Report Spoken** vs 21 b - This is not some new, fly by night, invention of man but ^{it was} ^{prophesied} of old in Is 53:5+6. Even the Law points ^{sacrifice} to ^{it}.

C. The Reliance Shown vs 22 - This righteousness of God was in Christ Jesus and given to all that place their faith + trust in Him. No matter how ^{of free} ^{bad} ^{you} ^{are}.

D. The Redemption Set vs 23-25 - God set the price of redemption for fallen Humanity at the very blood of a perfect + holy God. Heb 9:12-14. He paid the penalty ^{on the cross}.

E. The Remission Seen vs 25 - So that all of our sins, that God tolerated and held back judgment upon, were declared paid in full.

VI. Closing - You can not win the argument over sin with God. Stop excusing your sin and repent. Hang your head in shame + silence your excusing tongue. God resist the proud give grace to humble. Humbly yourself ^{before} ^{him}.

- 1) **Isaiah 53:5-6** But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. **Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. **Daniel 9:24** Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.
- 2) **Hebrews 9:12-14** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?